

House Resolution No. 2474

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens or distinguished themselves through significant personal achievement; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Debra Hollingsworth, who will be honored during the annual Salute to Women in Leadership luncheon to take place on May 9, 2008, a collaborative event between the City of St. Louis, the Office of the License Collector, and the Vashon/Jeff VanderLou Initiative; and

Whereas, the Salute to Women in Leadership awards are given to women who excel in their work in a professional, civic, or social capacity in the St. Louis area; and

Whereas, Debra Hollingsworth, who will receive the Corporate Citizenship Leadership Award, is SBC Missouri's Vice President for External Affairs and Chief of Staff for SBC Missouri's President; and

Whereas, in her capacity as Vice President for External Affairs, Debra Hollingsworth is responsible for charitable giving at the telecommunications company, which is one of the largest employers in the St. Louis area, and managing a philanthropic fund of nearly \$1.5 million that SBC allocates for donations to various local charitable causes every year; and

Whereas, Debra Hollingsworth holds a master's degree from Webster University in St. Louis and an undergraduate degree from West Texas A&M University; and

Whereas, Debra Hollingsworth serves on the boards of the UM-St. Louis Chancellor's Council and FOCUS St. Louis, Parkway Education, St. Louis Minority Business Council, Opera Theater of St. Louis, and the March of Dimes, in addition to the St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association Business Service Committee, the Variety Club of St. Louis Allocation Committee, the United Way Allocation Panel, and the Missouri Governor's Business Roundtable; and

Whereas, Debra Hollingsworth was named one of the Most Influential Business Women in 2004 by the St. Louis Business Journal and was honored as the Webster University 2006 Distinguished Alum from the School of Business and Technology:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our congratulations and admiration for the personal and professional accomplishments of Debra Hollingsworth; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Debra Hollingsworth, as a measure of our esteem.

Offered by _____
Representative Rodney R. Hubbard
District No. 58

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2474, adopted April 30, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker